SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Madam, the point is whether Bangladesh is interested or not. What the hon. Minister is saying is about the legalised channel. He was the Finance Minister for a long time and he knows very well that trade also takes place in a channel which we do not describe as a legal channel. Therefore, my point is different. My point is whether the delinquent jute industrialists of West Bengal who had been running the industry are in a bid to import jute through a different channel or through the normal channel at lower prices which is going to have an impact of depression on the price of raw jute of our country. If so, what will the Government do in this regard ?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE : I can deal with legal imports. I cannot deal with something which is illegal. Purchase of jute or procurement through JCI and others, these are related to my colleague, the Minister of Textiles and I will pass on the suggestion of the hon. Member to my colleague.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : In that case, why was this question admitted under this Ministry ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question was admitted correctly. But your supplementary is wrongly admitted. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of Export Policy by the States

*42. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have asked the State Governments to draw up an export policy on the lines of the industrial policy evolved by them ;

(b) if so, whether Government have contemplated any concrete steps to boost exports in the past few months ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the views of the State Governments would be considered before making any further changes in the Import-Export policy ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has recently formulated a scheme to encourage the State Governments to set-up Export Promotion Industrial Parks. Under this scheme, the Centre will provide grants to the States not only for the construction of high standard export production infrastructure but also for its maintenance for five years.

(d) and (e) Views of the State Governments and others are duly taken into account as and when changes are made in the Import-Export Policy.

Subsidy to Fishing Operators of Deep Sea Fishing Vessels

*47. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the benefits of diesel oil subsidy did not reach actual fishing operators of deep sea fishing vessels in Visakhapatnam in the last two years ; and

(b) if so, whether the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is seized of the problem and what steps MPEDA is taking to rectify this errant situation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Complaints Received by the Protector General of Emigration

*48. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints which have been received by the Protector-General of

Emigration during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) the number of complaints which have been disposed of, year-wise ;

(c) the number of complaints which are still pending for final disposal ;

(d) which is the oldest complaint pending for disposal ;

(e) the number of cases on which Government initiated action ; and

(f) in how many cases did Government compensate the emigrant workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (f) The number of complaints received, disposed of & those pending for final disposal, during the last three years are as under :—

Year	No. of complaints received	No. of complaints disposed of	No. of complaints pending final disposal
1991	54	36	18
1992	69	35	34
1993 (Upto 31-10-93)	170	93	77

The oldest complaint pending for final disposal pertains to the year 1986 against M/s Ansar Brothers, Delhi.

In 51 cases Government had initated action.

There is no provision under the Emigration Act, 1983 for providing compensation to the emigrant workers by the Government.

Food grains taken off from Public Distribution System

*49. SHRI DEBARATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fart that food grains had been taken-off from Public Distribution System during the past few months ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exploitation of Child Labour

*50. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Pioneer of 14th September, 1993 high-lighting the in human bondage and continuous exploitation of the child labour in the various industrial units, despite law on the subject ;

(b) if so, what are the results achieved so far from the programmes formulated and implemented by Government to improve the lot of the child labour in the country ; and

(c) what changes are contemplated by Government in the strategy/labour laws to protect children from hazardous conditions in the occupations in which they are engaged ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Eradication of child labour in the near future being considered difficult to achieve, Government aims to eliminate child labour progressively. This is sought to be achieved through legislation, better enforcement of laws relating to child labour, welfare programmes, spreading greater awareness amongst parents, employers and society at large and extension of education to increasing number of children. Child